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SUMMARY. MARCH 8 POLADS DISCUSSION IS IS REPORT ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES FOCUSED ON LINK BETWEEN TWO MEASURES, TYPES OF EXERCISES TO BE INCLUDED IN ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS, AMOUNT OF TIMING FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION, AND EXTENT OF INFORMATION ALLIES SHOULD PROVIDE. TURKISH REP PRESENTED ANKARA'S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON CRITERIA WHICH SHOULD BE USED IN DEVELOPING LISTS; FRG REP MADE TWO PRELIMINARY COMMENTS; AND FRENCH REP ADVISED THAT PARIS' COMMENTS SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED SOON. IS
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WILL PRODUCE REVISED DRAFT FOR MARCH 20 MEETING. END
SUMMARY.

1. LINK. AS AUTHORIZED REFTTEL, US REP TABLED REVISED LANGUAGE FOR FINAL TIC, PARA 4, IS DRAFT ON LINK BETWEEN TWO MEASURES. NORWEGIAN, FRG, TURKISH, AND NETHERLANDS REPS SUPPORTED US LANGUAGE AND AGREED THAT THERE MUST BE NO OBLIGATORY LINK BETWEEN TWO MEASURES.

2. TYPES OF EXERCISES. ALTHOUGH NOTING THAT FRG MOD HAD NOT YET COMMENTED ON IS PAPER, FRG REP OBSERVED THAT IT WAS "THEORETICAL" TO TALK ABOUT EXERCISES RESTRICTED TO ONE BRANCH OF MILITARY SERVICE SINCE ALL LAND EXERCISES NOW INVOLVED AT LEAST TACTICAL AIR UNITS. UK REP AGREED WITH THIS POINT BUT OBSERVED THAT SAME NEED NOT BE TRUE OF "MOVEMENTS." NORWEGIAN REP NOTED SOVIET PRACTICE OF SENDING OUT CONVOYS AROUND NORTH CAPE INCLUDING NAVAL VESSELS WITH AMPHIBIOUS FORCES EMBARKED, AND MERCHANT SHIPS. NORWAY WOULD LIKE SOMEHOW TO OBTAIN NOTIFICATION OF THESE MOVEMENTS, HE SAID.

3. AMOUNT OF ADVANCE NOTICE. RETURNING TO QUESTION RAISED BY UK REP AT PREVIOUS MEETING (USNATO 1071), US REP REMARKED THAT PROVISION FOR EXCHANGING ANNUAL LISTS AS SPECIFIED CM(72)82 TO LARGE EXTENT SOLVED PROBLEM OF HOW MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE NEEDED SINCE "MAJOR" MANEUVERS AND MOVEMENTS WOULD BE KNOWN AT LEAST YEAR IN ADVANCE. UK REP AGREED BUT NOTED THAT THERE WERE UNPLANNED MOVEMENTS WHICH AROSE AT SHORT NOTICE. (HE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IN EVENT PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, BAOR UNITS NOW IN ULSTER WOULD RETURN QUICKLY TO FRG, A MOVEMENT WHICH COULD NOT BE PREDICTED IN ADVANCE.) US REP AGREED THAT SUCH SITUATIONS COULD ARISE AND SAID THAT IN CASES NOT COVERED IN ANNUAL LISTS "RULE OF REASON" COULD PREVAIL AS TO AMOUNT OF NOTICE. US REP ASKED MC REP WHETHER IT WAS NOT TRUE THAT MOST "MAJOR" MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS WERE KNOWN AT LEAST YEAR IN ADVANCE. MC REP AGREED ON PERSONAL BASIS AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

4. EXTENT OF INFORMATION. UK AND FRG REPS AGREED THAT PRESS RELEASES NORMALLY ISSUED ON NATO EXERCISES CONTAINED TYPE OF INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE PROVIDED OTHER SIDE.

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5. TURKISH REP DISTRIBUTED ANKARA'S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON IS PAPER. TURKISH PAPER SETS UP CRITERIA WHICH SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN SELECTING MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS TO BE SUBJECT TO NOTIFICATION. NOT SURPRISINGLY, CRITERIA ARE RATHER RESTRICTIVE AND CAUTIOUS. ON MOVEMENTS, TURKS BELIEVE A DISTANCE CRITERION SHOULD APPLY, THAT MOVEMENT MUST HAVE MILITARY PURPOSE, THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CONFUSION WITH MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS WITHDRAWN UNDER MBFR AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO STIFFER CONTROLS, AND THAT RETURN OF UNITS TO ORIGINAL BASE SHOULD

ALSO BE NOTIFIED. IN CASE MANEUVERS, TURKS BELIEVE: SOME NATO, AS DISTINCT FROM NATIONAL MANEUVERS, MIGHT BE NOTIFIED BUT THAT SHAPE'S ADVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT; GEOGRAPHICAL CONSIDERATIONS RAISED IN CM(72)82 (PARA 3 A) ARE VALID; CENTO AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES SHOULD BE EXCLUDED; EXERCISES WHICH LAST LONGER AND INVOLVE FEW TROOPS SHOULD BE SELECTED; AND LIST OF WARSAW PACT EXERCISES SHOULD BE PREPARED PROVIDED LIST NOT GIVEN BY OTHER SIDE. TURKISH REP PROMISED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AT FUTURE MEETINGS. FRENCH REP SAID HE HAD NO COMMENTS AND EXPECTED NONE IN NEAR FUTURE. HE SUGGESTED THAT POLADS GO AHEAD AND PRODUCE PAPER AND SIMPLY NOTE THAT FRANCE DID NOT COMMENT.

6. IS WILL REDRAFT PAPER IN TIME FOR MARCH 20 MEETING. WE WILL SEND COPY OF NEW PAPER TO DEPARTMENT AND HELSINKI WHEN AVAILABLE. RUMSFELD

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